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March 13, 2006

Charles McGinty, Esq. Federal Defender Office 408 Atlantic Ave., 3rd floor Boston, MA 02210

Re: <u>United States v. Gregory Smith</u>

Criminal No. 04-10190-DPW

Dear Attorney McGinty:

This letter sets forth the Agreement between the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts ("the U.S. Attorney") and your client, Greg Smith ("Defendant"), in the above-captioned case. The Agreement is as follows:

1. Change of Plea

At the earliest practicable date, Defendant shall plead quilty to the above-captioned Superseding Information, charging him with selling a firearm to a convicted felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(d)(1). Defendant expressly and unequivocally admits that he in fact knowingly, intentionally and willfully committed the crime charged in the Superseding Information, and is in fact guilty of that offense. The U.S. Attorney agrees to dismiss the pending Indictment after the defendant is sentenced on the Superseding Information.

2. Penalties

Defendant faces the following maximum penalties: a term of incarceration of ten years; a term of supervised release of three years; a fine of up to \$250,000; a mandatory, \$100 special assessment.

Sentencing Guidelines 3.

The parties agree to jointly take the following positions at sentencing with regard to offense conduct under the United States Sentencing Guidelines:

(A) Base Offense Level

The parties have agreed that the Defendant's Base Offense Level is 24, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 2K2.1(a)(2).

(B) Acceptance of Responsibility

The U.S. Attorney's agreement that the disposition set forth below is appropriate in this case is based, in part, on Defendant's prompt acceptance of personal responsibility for the offense of conviction in this case.

The U.S. Attorney specifically may, at his sole option, be released from his commitments under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, his agreement that paragraph 4 constitutes the appropriate disposition of this case, if at any time between his execution of this Agreement and sentencing, Defendant:

- (a) Fails to admit a complete factual basis for the plea;
- (b) Fails to truthfully admit his conduct in the offenses of conviction;
- (c) Falsely denies, or frivolously contests, relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3;
- (d) Fails to provide truthful information about his financial status;
- (e) Gives false or misleading testimony in any proceeding relating to the criminal conduct charged in this case and any relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3;
- (f) Engages in acts which form a basis for finding that Defendant has obstructed or impeded the administration of justice under U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1;
- (g) Intentionally fails to appear in Court or violates any condition of release;

- (h) Commits a crime; and/or
- (i) Transfers any asset protected under any provision of this Agreement.

Defendant expressly understands that he may not withdraw his plea of guilty, unless the Court rejects this Agreement under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(5).

4. Agreed Disposition

The U.S. Attorney and Defendant agree pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(C) that the following is the appropriate disposition of this case:

- (a) a term of incarceration for 96 months;
- (b) a term of three years' supervised release; and
- (c) a mandatory special assessment of \$100.

The U.S. Attorney and Defendant further agree that the above disposition is the appropriate disposition even if it represents an upward departure from the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range.

5. Payment of Mandatory Special Assessment

Defendant agrees to pay the mandatory special assessment to the Clerk of the Court on or before the date of sentencing, unless Defendant establishes to the satisfaction of the Court that Defendant is financially unable to do so.

6. Probation Department Not Bound By Agreement

The sentencing disposition agreed upon by the parties and their respective calculations under the Sentencing Guidelines are not binding upon the United States Probation Office. Defendant's plea will be tendered pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(C). Defendant cannot withdraw his plea of guilty unless the sentencing judge rejects this Agreement. If the sentencing judge rejects this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null and void at the option of either the United States or Defendant. In this regard, Defendant hereby waives any defense to any charges which he might otherwise have under any statute of limitations or the Speedy Trial Act.

7. Information For Presentence Report

Defendant agrees to provide all information requested by the U.S. Probation Office concerning his assets.

8. Withdrawal of Plea By Defendant

Should Defendant move to withdraw his guilty plea at any time, this Agreement shall be null and void at the option of the U.S. Attorney.

9. Breach of Agreement

If the U.S. Attorney determines that Defendant has failed to comply with any provision of this Agreement or has committed any crime following his execution of this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney may, at his sole option, be released from his commitments under this Agreement in their entirety by notifying Defendant, through counsel or otherwise, in writing. The U.S. Attorney may also pursue all remedies available to him under the law, irrespective of whether he elects to be released from his commitments under this Agreement. Further, the U.S. Attorney may pursue any and all charges which have been, or are to be, dismissed pursuant to this Agreement. Defendant recognizes that no such breach by him of an obligation under this Agreement shall give rise to grounds for withdrawal of his guilty plea. Defendant understands that, should he breach any provision of this agreement, the U.S. Attorney will have the right to use against Defendant before any grand jury, at any trial or hearing, or for sentencing purposes, any statements which may be made by him, and any information, materials, documents or objects which may be provided by him to the government subsequent to this Agreement, without any limitation. regard, Defendant hereby waives any defense to any charges which he might otherwise have under any statute of limitations or the Speedy Trial Act.

10. Who Is Bound By Agreement

This Agreement is limited to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, and cannot and does not bind the Attorney General of the United States or any other federal, state or local prosecutive authorities.

11. Complete Agreement

This letter contains the complete and only agreement between the parties relating to the disposition of this case. No promises, representations or agreements have been made other than those set forth in this letter and in the proffer letter with the U.S. Attorney's Office. This agreement supersedes prior understandings, if any, of the parties, whether written or oral, with the sole exception of those contained in the proffer letter with the U.S. Attorney's Office. This Agreement can be modified or supplemented only in a written memorandum signed by the parties or on the record in court.

If this letter accurately reflects the Agreement between the U.S. Attorney and Defendant, please have Defendant sign the Acknowledgment of Agreement below. Please also sign below as Witness. Return the original of this letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney William H. Connolly.

Very truly yours,
MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN
United States Attorney

By:

LAURA, KAPLANA Section Chief

William H. Connolly

Assistant U.S. Attornev

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLEA AGREEMENT

I have read this letter in its entirety and discussed it with my attorney. I hereby acknowledge that it fully sets forth my agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. I further state that no additional promises or representations have been made to me by any official of the United States in connection with this matter. I understand the crime to which I have agreed to plead guilty, the maximum penalties for that offense and Sentencing Guideline penalties potentially applicable to it. I am satisfied with the legal representation provided to me by my attorney. We have had sufficient time to meet and discuss my case. We have discussed the charge against me, possible defenses I might have, the terms of this Plea Agreement and whether I should go to trial. I am entering into this Agreement freely, voluntarily, and knowingly because I am quilty of the offense to which I am pleading guilty and I believe this Agreement is in my best interest.

Date: 3-14-0

I certify that Greg Smith has read this Agreement and that we have discussed its meaning. I believe he understands the Agreement and is entering into the Agreement freely, voluntarily and knowingly.

harles McGinty, Esq.

Attorney for Defendant

Date: 3/14/06